



Seneca County Commissioners

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Seneca County Board of Health Members & Anne Goon, Health Commissioner
71 S. Washington St., Tiffin, OH 44883

RE: Request for Wish List For Funds to Assist Board of Health in Oversight of Sunny Farms Landfill

Dear Ms. Goon and Distinguished Board Members,

We, the Seneca County Commissioners, are committed to ensuring the health and safety of our community, and we recognize the important role that the Seneca County General Health District Board of Health plays in regulating solid waste management facilities.

Currently, we are reviewing and considering whether to vote for approval of a Plan Update to the Solid Waste Management Plan drafted by the Policy Committee of the Ottawa-Seneca-Sandusky Joint Solid Waste Management District (OSS). In particular, we are evaluating the plan's new proposed budget for OSS functions to determine whether it provides adequate funding to the county's local governments and health department to support inspections and other regulatory functions related to solid waste management facilities such as Sunny Farms Landfill. To assist us in this evaluation, we are requesting a wish list of items and services from the Board of Health that would improve your capability to inspect and regulate Sunny Farms Landfill. Due to the time constraints for evaluating the Plan Update, we are hoping you can provide this list to us as soon as possible, ideally by early next week.

We are open to any suggestions and cost estimates that you may have, and we are committed to working through the OSS to obtain additional funds for the health board to ensure that the facility is compliant with all state and federal regulations and that the health and safety of our residents are protected. Some examples of items and services that could be included in the list are hiring more licensed sanitarians, seeking out third-party environmental firms with expertise in this field to provide random facility inspections several times per year, reimbursing you for ongoing sampling costs to the extent they are not already being paid by OSS and more frequently collecting samples from water wells adjacent to the landfill. Our view is that the entire district, not just Seneca County, should pay for these regulatory activities because people throughout the district use this landfill.

We understand that solid waste management districts have the authority to fund activities such as the enforcement of Ohio EPA's solid waste regulations and permits, inspections of solid waste facilities, inspections of solid waste arriving from outside of Ohio, collecting samples from water wells adjacent to solid waste facilities, enforcing littering laws, and training and certifying inspectors, among others.

We believe that obtaining additional funding from the OSS would enhance the oversight capabilities of the Seneca County General Health District at Sunny Farms Landfill. We look forward to receiving your wish list of items and services and working together to ensure the health and safety of our community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

The Seneca County Board of Commissioners